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25X1X 1. The launching tower near the northeastern corner of the field was completed in the summer of 1947 and was taken over by German engineers. The experiments with propulsion units began at the same time. A German engineer sometimes brought the [REDACTED] 98 percent alcohol in a canteen. When he was asked if this was allowed, he answered, "We use such enormous quantities of alcohol that these small amounts are not noted at all". * At first there was only one test run every day; there were several test runs per day from 1948 to May 1949..

25X1X 2. The total work force of Plant No. 456 and the attached launching tower was estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 men during the period from June 1947 to February 1948. Work was done in one shift. [REDACTED] acquainted with the wife of Engineer HAASE from BERLIN. ** He learned from her that her husband worked in the launching tower for V-missiles and that he was very annoyed at the lack of support from the side of the Soviets. It was due only to this fact that the prescribed norms were not fulfilled. The German engineers were not in a position to prevail upon the Soviets to keep their promises.

25X1X 3. A conventional aircraft with a booster propulsion unit fixed on top of its fuselage (see Annex) was seen several times during May 1948 on the way from the [REDACTED], which was located on the western border of the field, to the launching tower near the northeastern corner. The booster device was put into operation only after the aircraft had cleared the ground. It increased the speed of the plane considerably. ***

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- * a. Report confirmed previous information on [REDACTED]. The utilization of apparently pure alcohol as a propellant agent may be considered as confirmed. The mentioned dates on the activities at the test stands are believed to be correct.

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- ** b. German Engineer HAASE was mentioned several times by returned [REDACTED]

- *** c. The aircraft with a booster power plant mounted on its fuselage was mentioned by other returnees. It was described with much imagination in some reports. According to the description given in this report, the observations seem to refer to experiments made with booster rockets utilizing liquid fuel. Ram-jets are out of the question since the speed attained after clearing the ground would not be sufficient for this type aircraft.

1 Annex: Aircraft Fitted with Booster Rocket as Observed at the MOSCOW-KHIMKI Airfield.

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